

Opera 'Aida' Among Gala Entertainments Arranged by Women's Clubs

Performance to Be Given at Annual Ball of the Verdi Club.

Nearly a thousand persons are interested in the performance of the opera "Aida" to be acted and sung in costume at the fourth annual ball of the Silver Skyline to be given by the Verdi Club, Mrs. Florence Foster Jenkins president, in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on April 20 for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

The opera will be directed by Eugenio Piacelli and the cast will include Miss Claire Spencer, contralto; Miss Josie Jones, soprano; Ernest Davis, tenor, from the Boston Opera Company; Giovanni Fobert, barytone; Giuseppe Gravina, bass, and a chorus of one hundred and fifty.

There also will be a ballet under the direction of Nell Tichenor and a symphony orchestra.

The decorations for the ball are under the direction of Miss Lillie Mayer. The boxes will be draped with hand painted banners representing the characters in Verdi's opera, bearing the name of the opera or play and will be festooned with golden bay leaves.

The costumes will be taken from those worn by characters in Shakespearean plays, and those occupying the boxes will wear costumes corresponding to the devices upon the banners of their respective boxes. Other decorations will include flights of silver sky-larks, flying toward golden suns, with a background of turquoise blue, suggesting a sky. Other features of the programme will be operatic numbers by Helen Thorpe, accompanied by Richard Hageman and violin solos by Enzo Pascarelli. The chairman of the dance is Miss Estelle Christie.

Major-Gen. Robert L. Bullard will occupy the Army box with a party from Governors Island. Commodore Adams will occupy the Navy box with officers of the fleet, and the various consuls will occupy the French, British and Italian boxes. Other boxholders are Baroness Leja de Torinoff, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hageman, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Bushong Press, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. George, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Smith, Mr. William Henry Porter, Count and Countess Alfredo Janni, Cavalier Barbieri, Mrs. Katherine Martin, Dr. John Edward Oster, Miss Edna Moreland, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gumpfer, Miss Claire Spencer, Mrs. Dora MacDonald, Mrs. J. Jones Christie, Mrs. Arthur H. Bridge, Mrs. J. E. Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Mauro Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. William Pell Disbrow and Mrs. Theodore Martin Hardy.

With the April dinner and dance of the American Criterion Society, Mrs. Leonard L. Hill president, at the Hotel Commodore on Friday evening, the social season of the organization terminates. The philanthropic side of the association, however, will not end until a bridge party takes place. This will be held on Thursday afternoon, April 21, when the children's tents of the Laura Franklin Free Hospital and the wounded and crippled soldiers who are invalids in the various institutions will be the beneficiaries.

The party will be held in the east ballroom of the Hotel Commodore. Mrs. F. Provost Patterson is the chairman in charge. Tea will be served and prizes to be awarded to the winners have been especially designed and made for the occasion. The tickets are \$5 and all of the 700 members are expected to participate in the event for the soldiers and ill babies in hospitals.

Preparations are being made by Mrs. John P. Laffin, Mrs. Joseph Paterno and Mrs. H. W. Braun, co-chairmen as matrons of the dinner and dance for next Friday. The dance floor will be under the management of Dr. John Strother Gaines, Jr. He has as his vice-chairman Mr. Walter Moore. They will be reinforced by a floor committee of twenty-six members.

Gay colored tissue paper caps representing different nations will be worn by the dancers in the Paul Jones figures, and for the successful dancers in the lucky contest and spotlight dances prizes will be awarded. Mr. William Peck, chairman of the souvenir committee, has provided small silver flower vases for the women and silver rules for the men.

Among those who will entertain parties at dinner are Mesdames Frederic William Waller, Myron Wilbur Robinson, John H. Judge, Hudson Parry, Rose, Joseph Paterno, L. A. Cushman, F. Provost Patterson, Charles Vincent Paterno, Charles E. Bentley, Sidney B. Whitlock, Margaret Weber, John Strother Gaines, Jr., John T. Rainier, Harry E. Verran, Robert Howard Beattie and George W. Kavanagh.

Mrs. Leonard L. Hill will have as her guests Mr. and Mrs. D. George Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Ritchey, Mrs. Frances A. Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pittman Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schwab, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. McQuiston, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marks and Mrs. James H. Prince.

The annual business meeting, with the election of officers, of the society will be held in the Hotel Commodore on the first Friday in May. Reports will be made and plans for the programme of next season will be considered.

Rubinstein Club, Mrs. William Rogers Chapman, president, will give its sixth and last afternoon musical for this season on Saturday in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria. Benjamin Gigli, the new tenor of the Metropolitan Opera company, will give a song recital, which will be his only recital this season, and offer a most interesting programme of arias and groups of songs. Dancing will follow the programme. Extra guest tickets may be obtained in advance from the president at the Waldorf, or Miss Mary Jordan Baker, 351 West 114th street.

The third and last evening concert for this season will be given on Tuesday evening, April 19, at the Waldorf, under the direction of William Rogers Chapman, musical director. The club chorus of more than 150 voices will sing ten new part songs, some of which are to be sung for the first time. Miss Alice Shaw, the club accompanist, will be at the piano, and Lou's Dressler at the organ. Assisting artist will be announced later. There will be dancing after the concert.

The eleventh annual white breakfast will be given on Saturday, May 7. It is especially requested that reservations be made immediately. Locations of tables are being assigned in order of application. White and pastel shades of gowns and hats only will be permitted on ground floor and first tier of boxes. Those desiring to wear dark gowns and hats may occupy upper tier of boxes. Men will be admitted this year, and will occupy the upper tier of boxes. Mrs. George T. Colter, 419 West 113th street, is chairman of events.

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Mrs. Noble McConnell, president, was the dinner and dance on Wednesday evening at the Hotel Astor. About 500 members and guests were present, the latter including Gov. Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey and Mrs. Edwards, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, and Mayor and Mrs. Hyman, who were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Royal S. Copeland. Mrs. William Maynard Harwood, who was the chairman of the event, provided many attractive souvenirs and fun-making devices, including balloons, confetti, etc. When the dancing was at its height colored lights were thrown upon the dancers. Speeches were made by Gov. Edwards, Mayor Hyman, Mrs. McConnell and others. The patronesses were Mrs. McConnell, Mesdames Benjamin Adriaens, Thomas W. Bentley, Philip C. Doern, William H. McGee and Owen J. McWilliams.

The associate chairmen for the dinner and dance were the Mesdames Maurice Bailin, Bertrand H. Billman, Edgar O. Chalenger, Frank G. Cochran, Royal S. Copeland, Richard A. Corroon, Robert H. Davis, Richard Denbigh, Frank A. Edmund, Samuel Gardner Estabrook, Grace E. Folk, E. O. A. Glickner, Walter W. Griffith, Henry C. Hawkins, Carrie Hession, Joseph E. Martin, Henry W. McCandless, Frank A. Peteler, Lincoln S. Rogers, John J. Root, Jr., Emma S. Seaman, E. Basford Schmalholz, Cary E. Simmons, P. MacDonald Sinclair, Frederick C. Stevens, John T. Taylor, Lionel Van Praagh, Augustine Wendel and Carl C. Wooster.

The third and last evening concert for the season of the club will be held on April 19, when the artists will be Mrs. Claire Lillian Peteler and Titta Italo, assisted by the chorus, under the direction of Richard T. Percy, with Charles Gilbert Sproule at the piano.

The annual springtime festival and breakfast in pastels of the society will be held at the Hotel Astor on Saturday, May 7. The color scheme will be pastel shades, and the members and guests are requested to wear light colored gowns and flower hats. Mrs. Samuel Gardner Estabrook is the chairman.

The New York Euphony Society, Mrs. James J. Gormley, president, gave its last concert of the season on Tuesday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria. The artists were Miss Helena Marsh, contralto, and Morgan Kingston, tenor, both of the Metropolitan Opera company. The chorus of the society also took part in the programme under the direction of Dr. Carl Hahn. An operetta, "The Land of Chance," by Miss Fay Foster, was given yesterday at the Waldorf under the auspices of the Euphony Society, sixteen of the principals coming over from Philadelphia for the performance.

The fourth and last card party of the society will be held on April 23 at the Waldorf. Games will be played and there will be a prize for each table. Saturday, May 14, is the date of the annual violet and gold breakfast of the society. It will be held in the ballroom of the Waldorf, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Margaretta Grien.

Almost like a big family party will be the gathering of women members of clubs at Salt Lake City during the week of June 15 to 18. From all parts of the country they will attend the General Federation Council meeting to tell what their organizations have done, and what

they hope to accomplish. It will be a fitting ending for a year of great effort in the world of women's clubs, and will be of the nature of a conference of the General Federation with State Federations, and individual clubs taking part. The programme will be so arranged that each delegate can attend every session without any outside interests to distract her attention. There will be no supplementary conferences for this reason, and each chairman will be asked to present her work herself, instead of giving her brief time to "inspirational" speakers.

There is a growing demand for information regarding the new departments in the General Federation which only those being reserved for the biennial, and outsiders, however eloquent, cannot possess the intimate knowledge requested, of the work itself as well as of the women of clubs, their methods and purposes. Mrs. Charles H. Jackson of Denver, Colo., who is chairman of the programme, announces that there will be no reports at the coming meeting.

Those being reserved for the biennial, Department chairmen and State presidents will be asked to state in a clear, forceful and inspiring way what they plan to do, how they hope to accomplish their work and just what is expected from the assembled and organized women of clubs.

"We hope," says Mrs. Jackson, "that each message will appeal so strongly to those present that the delegates will carry it home to their clubs and put it into practice immediately."

In view of the fact that the meeting will last only a few days the intensive work planned for it is arousing great enthusiasm in club circles, and it is believed that the concentrated effort will produce better results than could be achieved through the divided interest that would result from a number of small conferences. The women who are arranging for the "family conference," as the council meeting has not inappropriately been called, hope that it will bring every woman into direct personal touch with the workers of the General Federation and are asking the hearty cooperation of all department chairmen and State presidents to obtain this result.

About a thousand members and guests are expected at the morning musicale of the Haarlem Philharmonic Society, Mrs. C. Victor Twiss, president, and Mrs. Everett M. Raynor, acting president, on Thursday at the Waldorf-Astoria. It will be the fifth and last musicale of the season. The artists will be Miss Leta May, coloratura soprano; Miss Helen Jeffrey, violinist; Knight McGregor, barytone, and Edwin Nyreghast, pianist.

Mrs. Orson B. Smith is chairman of the music arrangements. Mrs. Alvah A. Swayze is the accompanist.

"Gardens and Outdoor Life" was the topic of the day at the regular fortnightly meeting and luncheon of Eclectic Club, Mrs. Albert Canfield Bagg, president, on Wednesday at the Waldorf-Astoria. "City Tree Planting" was the topic of a talk by Mrs. Benjamin Nicol. Mrs. John G. Kerr discussed the "Pro-tection of Riverside Park." "The Artistic Effects in the Garden" was the subject of an instructive talk by Mrs. Jessie Tarbox Beattie. Mrs. James S.

Metcalf told of "The City Gardens Club." Miss Anna Maxwell Jones gave an address on "Civic Art." Mrs. John Walton Paris, chairman of the day, also gave a short talk, "Spring Has Come" and other songs were sung by Miss Margaret O'Hearn, contralto, accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Willy. Piano selections were played by Miss Billy Cameron and Jack Storey sang comedy songs. Guests of honor, besides the speakers, were Mesdames Ellis Parker Butler, Richard Foster, Harold A. Vivian, T. Edson Doolittle, Harry Hastings and George H. Childs. Mrs. Louis Henry Matthez was chairman of luncheon and Mrs. Charles G. Braxmar chairman of music. The usual afternoon of auction bridge was in charge of Mrs. William Durland.

The club had a large card party for the philanthropic fund on Friday at the Waldorf.

The Manhattan Matinee Club, Mrs. Jessie Emerson Moffat, president and founder, will have the two American girl proteges of the club present at the April business meeting, Monday, April 18. A large card party for the benefit of the philanthropic fund, which also supports a French orphan, will be held April 26 at the Waldorf-Astoria, in charge of Mrs. Frank H. Scardfield, acting president. Mrs. Howard Clinton Russ will be the hostess of the evening theatre party on Tuesday to see Grant Mitchell in "The Champion" at the Longacre.


Nomination of officers of the New York Theatre Club was held at the business meeting on Tuesday. Mrs. Belle de Rivera, founder and president, thanked the members present for the automobile presented to her at the last social, which was the tenth anniversary of the club.

During the study period Mrs. Ray Loeb led in the discussion of the play, "The Champion," which the members

attended last week. The next social of the club will be held at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday afternoon, April 19. Mrs. Thomas Slack, chairman of programme, Miss Genevieve Tobin will be a guest of honor.

The club's next matinee party will be to see "Little Old New York."

Drama Comedy, Edyth Totten, president, held its social matinee on Friday at the Hotel Astor. Miss Totten had as special guests of honor Zella Sears, author of "Lady Billy"; Ernest Glendenning, Genevieve Tobin, Albert Andrus and Douglas J. Wood of the "Little Old New York" company; Maud Leon of "Cornered"; Sarah Stephenson, secretary to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn; Laura Burt, Mrs. Willard Parker, Mme. H. Guides, Alice Breed, Miss Elba Morris Wood, Mrs. William J. Williams of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Marie



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